

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A portable information terminal device comprising:

 a first housing including a cutout part formed by cutting out one of side parts of the first housing;

 a second housing; and

 a hinge section including

 a first hinge part formed on the cutout part, and

 a second hinge part protruded from a side edge of one of the side parts of an inner surface of the second housing toward an inner surface of the first housing in a state that the inner surface of the second housing is opposed to the first housing,

 wherein the second hinge part has a flat face

 wherein the second hinge part is rotatably fit to the first hinge part in the cutout part of the first housing in a state that the flat face of the second hinge part is flush with the inner surface of the first housing when the first housing is opened with respect to the second housing, and

 wherein the first housing is coupled to the second housing in an openable and closable fashion by the hinge

section, and a first function operable when the first housing and the second housing are in an opened state and a second function operable when the first housing and the second housing are in a closed state is selectively used.

Claim 2 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 1, wherein:

an antenna is housed in the hinge section in a state that the antenna is enabled to be put in and out of the hinge section, and

the antenna is slanted in a direction in which the antenna becomes distant from the outer surface of the first housing, and

when the second housing is opened with respect to the first housing with the antenna being housed therein, the antenna is projected to have such a length that a tip end of the antenna is away from an upper surface of a work surface on which the first housing is placed.

Claim 3 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 1,

wherein a display window for displaying information is provided on the inner surface of the second housing, and a keyboard is provided on the inner surface of the first

housing.

Claim 4 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 1,

wherein the hinge section includes locking means to lock the turning operation of the second housing when the second housing is turned to a position defined by a predetermined angle.

Claim 5 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 4,

wherein the turning angle of the second housing is locked when the second housing is turned by an angle within an angular range from about 90° to about 180° with respect to the first housing.

Claim 6 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 1,

wherein the hinge section includes self-closing means which automatically turns the second housing to close toward the first housing when the second housing is closed to a position of a predetermined angle.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The portable information

terminal device according to claim 4,

wherein the hinge section includes a coupling pin containing the locking means and self-closing means.

Claim 8 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 1,

wherein an insertion hole for a strap is formed between a side surface opposed to the side surface on the hinge section side of the first housing and one of end faces of the first housing.

Claim 9 (original): The portable information terminal device according to claim 1,

wherein an elastic member being in contact with an upper surface of a work surface on which the first housing is placed when the second housing is opened is provided on an outer surface of the second housing.

Claims 10-19 (Canceled)